

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 21st March 2010**

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## **Free IRTS Membership for a Year!**

A final reminder to members that they have until the end of March to ensure they are included in the draw for five free memberships for a year, which will take place at the AGM in Dundalk on 25th April.

All members who pay their annual subscriptions by direct debit will be included in the draw, full details of which were on page 15 of the February members' newsletter.

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## **Theory Examination**

The next theory examination for the Amateur Station Licence will be held on Wednesday, 7th July at 2pm in the ComReg Offices in Dublin and at other centres if warranted by the numbers.

Information on examination fees and other details please see 'Theory Examination' in the 'Information' section of the IRTS website at [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie)

Intending candidates are also referred to 'Studying for the Amateur Radio Examination' in the 'Downloads' section of the website.

The latest date for receipt of applications to sit the examination is Wednesday, 23 June next but it is important to note that places at the exam are allocated on a first come first served basis.

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## **IRTS 78th AGM**

Dundalk Amateur Radio Society shall be hosting the 78th Irish Radio Transmitters Society A.G.M over the weekend of Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th April 2010.

Further details for booking trader's tables or any other info please e-mail the following Thos EI2JD at email address chairman /at/ ei7dar.com or Peter EI4HX at email address secretary /at/ ei7dar.com

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## **Amateur Radio Society celebrates 50th anniversary in**

style.

The Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society was formed in 1960 and to celebrate the 50th anniversary a special callsign GB50RNARS is being aired by members of the Society throughout the year.

From the beginning of January, the call has been on air in various modes including CW, SSB, RTTY and data transmissions.

The bands used have been from 160 metres up to 23cms and up to now, over 1700 contacts have been made with stations as far away as VK. During the whole of April, the callsign will be used from the Bridge Wireless Office of HMS Belfast.

The Belgian and Netherlands Naval Radio societies are also running special anniversary callsigns this year. A special Anniversary award is available to listeners and licensed radio amateurs who hear or contact RNARS members and the specials event stations during 2010.

Full details can be found on the RNARS web site at: [www.rnars.org.uk](http://www.rnars.org.uk)

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### **Radio Sweden ends Medium and Short Wave**

Radio Sweden will terminate its medium and short wave broadcasts this October 31st in favor of web services - with Swedish Radio management stating that is the best use of resources and in line with international trends.

The English-language service is to continue on the web and on national broadcasts. The Russian output will be available on the web, as is the German now.

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### **K4T DXpedition success**

The K4T DXpedition to Dry Tortugas proved a great success. They ran two amateur radio satellite stations; hopefully other DXpeditions will now consider running a satellite station.

They had a few glitches but it all worked out. They had ran two 910H's. One with yagis and one with egg beaters plus a portable station. It is hoped this sets a new standard for satellite operations on DXpeditions.

There were two satellite stations, two HF stations, inverter, lighting and all acc running 24 hours a day all on green power for four days and made over 8,000 contacts

with only batteries and a wind turbine.

It is also reported that the wind turbine was making so much power that the 900 watts of solar panels never seen outside of the case! The successful K4T Dry Tortugas operation may have been the first-ever major DXpedition to use only wind power.

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### **Bangor and District Amateur Radio Society**

Bangor and District Amateur Radio Society meet on the 1st Thursday of every month in "The Boathouse", Groomsport at 8pm.

At 8pm on Thursday 6th May 2010 BDARS are holding an operating evening. This is a great opportunity for members to see and use the society's equipment.

As always, visitors and new members are most welcome. For More information from Mike GI4XSF on 028 4277 2383, or club website:

[www.bdars.com](http://www.bdars.com)

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### **Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club**

Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club will in future, be operating under the new callsign MN0VFW. GI3VFW, The Club's previous call which was kindly donated to the club by Stanley Eakins will now be the Club's historical callsign.

The club members hope to have as much success and enjoyment with the new call as they had with the old call.

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### **Bere Isl EU-121 Activation**

Olivier ON4EI will be activating BERE ISLAND EU-121 as EJ8GQB, his new Irish callsign (EI8GQB). This solo expedition is planned from 21st-29th March 2010.

Activity will be 160-10m SSB/RTTY. HB: Spiderbeam beam LB: 18m vertical mast top loaded + 30\*radials Rig: K3 100W

He will also make part to the CQ WPX SSB CONTEST March 27th-28th 2010.

For more details about the trip, see [www.qrz.com/db/ej8gqb](http://www.qrz.com/db/ej8gqb)

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## **UK SSTV Net Night**

There is now an amateur radio SSTV (slow scan television) net night being held every Monday evening at 19.00 hrs.

All are welcome.

Please call with your cqsstv contact card first but please do listen and announce you are doing this first before sending.

The format, once everyone is logged on, will be a round robin, where each member will send a picture then we hear reports and talk about why you like the picture and the story behind it etc... then the next person and so on.

The frequency being used for this is 144.500 for more info on this net go to

[rotherhamamatureradio.ning.com/](http://rotherhamamatureradio.ning.com/)

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## **Rallies**

The Bangor and district ARS 2010 rally is to be held on Saturday 3rd July 2010. This year the rally is on a SATURDAY and at a new location!

The Rally Starts at 12 Noon In "Donaghadee Community Centre" ADMISSION £2 !

There will be plenty of attractions including: Special interest stands, bring and buy, ballot and a good selection of radio and computer traders will be in attendance

The ever popular FREE bring and buy will be running as normal For More information and a map is available at the BDARS website [www.bdars.com](http://www.bdars.com)

Contact Bill GI4AAM for further details: Tel: 028 9181 6707 Email: bill.langtry /at/ btinternet.com

For further Rally info and contact details please check out the IRTS Website at

[www.irts.ie/cgi/rallies.cgi](http://www.irts.ie/cgi/rallies.cgi)

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## **History this week**

1902 N.Stubblefield first ship to shore wireless telephone broadcast.

1904 First colour picture in Daily Illustrated Mirror, New York.

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Charlie EI8JB, preferably via e-mail to “charlie dot carolan at gmail dot com” Or by phone to 087-6265418 News can also be submitted via e-mail to “newsteam at irts dot ie” for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

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